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I spoke with Craig and he is willing to give 900 and 1400 a try to see if it meets their needs. Thanks.  
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**From:** Hubbard, Joseph  
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We send these out twice a day, typically at 0900 and 1400. We will add everyone in the TO line to the list.  
Regards,  
Joe

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**Some in Crossroads must still boil water, Victoria Advocate, 9/13/17**

<https://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2017/sep/13/some-in-crossroads-must-still-boil-water/>

About 2,500 households in the Crossroads are still boiling their water after a Category 4 hurricane made landfall on the Texas Coast. The number comes from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Calhoun County and Victoria County have the most water systems under a boil water notice, with four each.

**Why the U.S. Government Is Tapping In to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve**

[http://host.madison.com/business/investment/markets-and-stocks/why-the-u-s-government-is-tapping-in-to-the/article\\_c1c6734f-0ef6-5dc4-a3a9-7376cc540bb4.html](http://host.madison.com/business/investment/markets-and-stocks/why-the-u-s-government-is-tapping-in-to-the/article_c1c6734f-0ef6-5dc4-a3a9-7376cc540bb4.html)

Hurricane Harvey did untold amounts of damage to Texas -- preliminary estimates for the cost of recovery are around \$190 billion. In this clip from Industry Focus, Motley Fool analysts Sarah Priestley and Taylor Muckerman explain why that total is so huge, and what it means for the oil industry that Energy Secretary Rick Perry announced it was lending 500,000 barrels of oil to producer Phillips 66 (NYSE: PSX)

**Texas begins long march toward recovery from Hurricane Harvey, La Vernia News, 9/14/17**

<http://www.lavernianews.com/article.php?id=2523&n=featured-column-texas-begins-long-march-toward-recovery-hurricane-harvey>

As contaminated waters receded and mountains of debris from flooded homes and ruined belongings grew last week, a picture of post-hurricane Texas developed and the process of weighing impacts to lives, property, and infrastructure began. Gov. Greg Abbott delivered a series of announcements and proclamations related to catastrophic flooding and wind damage brought by Hurricane Harvey to more than 50 Gulf Coast and inland counties in late August and early September.

**Cities Swimming in Raw Sewage as Hurricanes Overwhelm Systems, Gov Tech, 9/14/17**

<http://www.govtech.com/em/disaster/Cities-Swimming-in-Raw-Sewage-as-Hurricanes-Overwhelm-Systems.html>

Hurricane Harvey took aim at one of the nation's most industrial regions, releasing a stream of toxic pollutants from chemical plants, refineries and Superfund sites in Texas. But when its bigger sister Irma slammed into Florida, environmental alarms rang over a different kind of discharge: raw sewage. Millions of gallons of poorly treated wastewater and raw sewage flowed into the bays, canals and city streets of Florida from facilities serving some of the nation's fastest-growing counties.

**With Mosquito Threat Growing, Harris County Begins Aerial Sprays, Houston Press, 9/13/17**

<http://www.houstonpress.com/news/with-mosquito-threat-growing-because-of-harvey-county-begins-aerial-sprays-of-dibrom-9787576>

With standing water and piles of debris from Hurricane Harvey creating breeding grounds for mosquitoes, the Harris County Public Health Department has authorized the aerial spraying of Dibrom, an EPA-approved pesticide, over 600,000 acres of the county starting Thursday. "About 10 to 14 days after a flood like this, you're going to have an increase in mosquito activity," said Dr. Umair A. Shah, the executive director of the public health department, in an interview with the Houston Press on Tuesday. "We're already seeing it."

**Air Pollution From Industry Plagues Houston In Harvey's Wake, NPR, 9/17/17**

<http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/09/14/550472740/air-pollution-from-industry-plagues-houston-in-harveys-wake>

On the first sunny day in Houston after about 50 inches of rain, residents in the east Houston community of Manchester emerged from their homes and gave thanks that their neighborhood had been spared in the floods. "Mama, yeah, I just feel blessed," said 73-year-old Maria Julia Rodriguez, standing in her driveway in late August and marveling at her luck. "God was looking out for us, I guess."

**Hurricane Harvey Alert: Addressing Environmental Releases and Obligations, National Law Review, 9/13/17**

<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/hurricane-harvey-alert-addressing-environmental->

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As the cleanup begins, companies face challenges in meeting existing environmental obligations and addressing the environmental impacts of the storm. The havoc caused by Hurricane Harvey, including in some instances environmental crises caused by the storm, has been widely reported.

#### **Harvey-Damaged Water Systems To Receive Emergency Aid from Loan Program, KUHT, 9/13/17**

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/2017/09/13/237027/harvey-damaged-water-systems-to-receive-emergency-aid-from-loan-program/>

Texas is set to receive faster aid for water systems hit by Harvey, with the Environmental Protection Agency agreeing to speed up funding for water infrastructure repairs. State environmental regulators said Tuesday that 20 drinking water systems and 31 wastewater systems were still shut down from Harvey. In the Houston area, that's led to potentially-dangerous bacteria levels in floodwaters.

#### **Houston EPA lab set to close, Express News, 9/13/17**

<http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/Houston-EPA-lab-set-to-close-12195927.php>

Conservationists and labor union officials argued Wednesday that the potential closing of the Environmental Protection Agency's regional lab in Houston, which is expected to play a key role in Hurricane Harvey recovery, is among harmful impacts of the Trump administration's drive to slice staff and mission in the agency. The EPA's Region 6 Environmental Services Laboratory, which serves a five-state region, is scheduled for closing when the lease on its rented, 41,000 square-foot space in southwest Houston expires in 2020, officials of the American Federation of Government Employees said they were told.